



# GCSE Controlled Assessment Regulations



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# Controlled assessment regulations

## Introduction

1. In controlled assessment, the levels of control are designated at three key control points:
  - task setting;
  - task taking;
  - task marking.
2. The level of control at each of these key control points falls into one of three categories:
  - limited control;
  - medium control;
  - high control.
3. Definitions of the key control points and the categories within them can be found in the 'Glossary of terms for controlled assessment regulations' at the end of this document.
4. Controlled assessment regulations have been developed for all GCSE subjects with internal assessment. Additional, subject-specific controlled assessment regulations have been developed for a number of subjects that have both subject criteria and controlled assessment. These regulations are designed to ensure comparability across all specifications within a subject.
5. The generic and subject regulations must be read alongside each other, and in conjunction with the subject criteria.

## Generic regulations

6. The regulations apply to GCSE single award qualifications. Awarding organisations should apply the regulations appropriately to short course and double award GCSEs. GCSE subjects with a weighting of 25 per cent controlled assessment for the single award must have a weighting of 50 per cent controlled assessment for the short course.
7. These regulations apply to all subjects that include controlled assessment. Additional regulations are specified for subjects with criteria.

8. For subjects without criteria, awarding organisations must:
- align subject requirements with one of the three defined ratios of controlled assessment to external examination (0 per cent:100 per cent; 25 per cent:75 per cent; 60 per cent:40 per cent);
  - follow, as closely as possible, controlled assessment regulations laid down for cognate subjects, agreeing any divergence with the regulators;
  - adhere to the generic regulations identified below.

### **Level of control**

9. Regulations are defined for the three stages of assessment:
- task setting;
  - task taking;
  - task marking.
10. For each stage, to ensure reliability and authenticity, the level of control must be set as high as possible for the skills assessed. However, the level of control must provide for valid assessment of the subject while ensuring manageability for learners, centres and awarding organisations.
11. Subject-specific regulations define the level of control that must operate for the three stages of assessment.

### **Number of controlled assessment components/units**

12. For specifications with a weighting of 25 per cent controlled assessment, there must be just one controlled assessment unit/component, which is moderated and awarded as a single entity.
13. For specifications with a weighting of 60 per cent controlled assessment, there may be one, two or three controlled assessment components/units that are moderated and awarded separately. The number of controlled assessments may be specified in the subject-specific regulations. Each controlled assessment component/unit must have a minimum weighting of 20 per cent of the overall assessment.

14. A controlled assessment component/unit may contain more than one task/subtask.

### **Word and/or time limits**

15. To ensure manageability, controlled assessment components/units must be defined by word and/or time limits. In exceptional circumstances, both controls may be used.
16. Awarding organisations must ensure that specifications contain guidance on appropriate word/time limits for controlled assessment components/units according to the following principles:
  - Subjects with 25 per cent controlled assessment (except Welsh second language): awarding organisation guidance on task taking must recommend about 2,000 words or equivalent.
  - Subjects with 60 per cent controlled assessment (except Modern Foreign Languages and Welsh second language): awarding organisation guidance on task taking must recommend about 15 hours for each 20 per cent of contribution to the overall assessment. This includes preparation time, but does not include teaching and learning time.
  - Mark schemes must provide suitable credit for precision and succinctness of expression.

### **Controlled assessment review**

17. All controlled assessment tasks set by awarding organisations must be reviewed, as a minimum, on a two-yearly cycle to ensure that they continue to set an appropriate challenge.
18. In subjects where it could be an advantage to learners to have access to work done in previous years, controlled assessment regulations will specify that tasks must be changed each year.

### **Drafting/redrafting**

19. When drafting is inherent in the skills being assessed, mark schemes must clearly assign credit for drafting/redrafting work. Awarding organisation guidance must include details of interim assessment by

teachers and exemplify ways in which learners show evidence of redrafting.

20. When drafting is not one of the skills being assessed, awarding organisation guidance must make clear that teachers may review learners' work, and may provide advice at a general level. The guidance must also make clear that teachers must not provide detailed and specific advice on how the draft could be improved to meet the assessment criteria.

## **Additional Applied Science**

### **Scheme of assessment**

21. GCSE specifications in Applied Science must allocate a weighting of:

- 40 per cent external assessment;
- 60 per cent controlled assessment.

### **Skills assessed by controlled assessment**

22. All controlled assessments in Additional Applied Science must be directly related to learners' practical work.

23. The following skills must be assessed through controlled assessment task(s):

- devise methods to solve problems;
- assess risks for the collection of numerical and other data;
- manage risks when using practical techniques, carrying out standard procedures and solving practical problems;
- evaluate methods used to solve practical problems;
- collect primary data;
- process primary and secondary data;
- analyse and interpret primary and secondary data;
- assess the validity and quality of evidence;
- draw evidence-based conclusions.

24. In addition, elements of these skills may be assessed externally.

25. These skills must be assessed in the context of the content specified in the GCSE Additional Applied Science criteria.

### **Task setting – high control**

- Specifications must require learners to complete a minimum of one and a maximum of three controlled assessment components/units. Each controlled assessment component/unit may contain more than one task.
- Tasks must be selected from a number of comparable tasks provided by the awarding organisation.
- Specifications must provide opportunities for centres to contextualise the task(s) to best suit their centre-specific circumstances. Centre-specific circumstances will include the availability of, and access to, resources.

### **Task taking – medium control**

- **Authenticity control (externally defined)**

Specifications must require learners to complete all work, with the exception of research, under informal supervision. Research may be completed under limited supervision. The awarding organisation must provide clear guidance regarding the use of research and development, materials from other sources, and the preparation for final production of the work to be assessed.
- **Feedback control (externally defined)**

The awarding organisation must indicate clearly what teacher support is allowed and how this should be recorded. The awarding organisation must provide guidance in relation to learners who require extra time due to, for example, a disability.
- **Collaboration control (internally defined)**

Specifications must state that the work of the individual may be informed by working with others but that learners must provide an individual response.
- **Resources (internally defined)**

Specifications must state that learners' access to resources is determined by the centre. The awarding organisation must provide



guidance in relation to learners who require the use of special equipment due to, for example, a disability.

**Task marking – medium control**

- Teachers mark the controlled assessment using mark schemes or criteria provided by the awarding organisation.
- The awarding organisation moderation process must be consistent with the relevant codes of practice.

## **Additional Science**

### **Scheme of assessment**

26. GCSE specifications in Additional Science must allocate a weighting of:

- 75 per cent external assessment;
- 25 per cent controlled assessment.

### **Skills assessed by controlled assessment**

27. All controlled assessments in Additional Science must be directly related to learners' practical work.

28. The following skills must be assessed through controlled assessment:

- develop hypotheses and plan practical ways to test them including risk assessment;
- manage risks when carrying out practical work;
- collect, process, analyse and interpret primary and secondary data including the use of appropriate technology to draw evidence-based conclusions;
- review methodology to assess fitness for purpose;
- review hypotheses in light of outcomes.

29. In addition, elements of these skills may be assessed externally.

30. These skills must be assessed in the context of the content specified in the GCSE Additional Science criteria.

### **Task setting – high control**

- Specifications must require learners to complete a single controlled assessment component/unit. Each controlled assessment component/unit may contain more than one task.
- Tasks must be selected from a number of comparable tasks provided by the awarding organisation.
- The tasks must be replaced each year.

- Specifications must provide opportunities for centres to contextualise the task(s) to best suit their centre-specific circumstances. Centre specific circumstances will include the availability of, and access to, resources.

## Task taking

### *Research/data collection – limited control*

- **Authenticity control (externally defined)**

Specifications must require learners to complete all work under limited supervision. The awarding organisation must provide clear guidance regarding the use of research methodology, materials from other sources, and the preparation for final production of the work to be assessed.

- **Feedback control (externally defined)**

The awarding organisation must indicate clearly what support is allowed and how this should be recorded.

- **Time control (internally defined)**

Specifications must provide guidance on appropriate time limits. The awarding organisation must provide guidance in relation to learners who require extra time due to, for example, a disability.

- **Collaboration control (externally defined)**

Specifications must state that the work of individual learners may be informed by working with others but that learners must provide an individual response. The awarding organisation must provide guidance regarding learners who require the use of special equipment due to, for example, a disability

- **Resource control (internally defined)**

Specifications must state that learners' access to resources is determined by those available to the centre.

### *Analysis and evaluation of findings – high control*

- **Authenticity control (externally defined)**

Specifications must require learners to complete all work under formal supervision. The awarding organisation must provide clear guidance regarding the use of materials from other sources, and the preparation for final production of the work to be assessed.

- **Feedback control (externally defined)**

The awarding organisation must indicate clearly what teacher support is allowed and how this should be recorded.

- **Time control (externally defined)**

The awarding organisation must indicate the approximate duration of the tasks. The awarding organisation must provide guidance in relation to learners who require extra time due to, for example, a disability.

- **Collaboration control (externally defined)**

Specifications must require learners to complete all work independently.

- **Resource control (externally defined)**

The awarding organisation must specify the resources available to learners. The awarding organisation must provide guidance in relation to learners who require the use of special equipment due to, for example, a disability.

### **Task marking – medium control**

- Teachers mark the controlled assessment using mark schemes or criteria provided by the awarding organisation.
- The awarding organisation moderation process must be consistent with the relevant codes of practice.

## **Applied Business**

### **Scheme of assessment**

31. GCSE specifications in Applied Business must allocate a weighting of:

- 40 per cent external assessment;
- 60 per cent controlled assessment.

### **Skills assessed by controlled assessment**

32. The following skills must be assessed through controlled assessment:

- practical – time management, personal organisation and action planning;
- presentational;
- personal and interpersonal;
- cognitive – reflection and review of their own and others' performances;
- decision making – use of data and problem solving.

33. In addition, elements of all these skills may be assessed externally.

34. These skills must be assessed in the context of the content specified in the GCSE Applied Business criteria.

### **Task setting – high control**

- Specifications must require learners to complete a minimum of one and a maximum of three controlled assessment components/units. Each controlled assessment component/unit may contain more than one task. Tasks must be selected from a number of comparable tasks provided by the awarding organisation.
- Specifications must provide opportunities for centres to contextualise the task(s) to best suit their centre-specific circumstances, including the availability of, and access to, resources.

### **Task taking – medium control**

- **Authenticity control (externally defined)**

Specifications must require learners to complete all work, with the exception of research, under informal supervision. Research may be completed under limited supervision. The awarding organisation must provide clear guidance in relation to the use of research and development, materials from other sources, and the preparation for final production of the work to be assessed.

- **Feedback control (externally defined)**

The awarding organisation must indicate clearly the level of teacher support that is allowed and how this should be recorded.

- **Time control (externally defined)**

The awarding organisation must indicate the approximate duration of the task(s). The awarding organisation must provide guidance in relation to learners who require extra time due to, for example, a disability.

- **Collaboration control (internally defined)**

Specifications must state that the work of the individual may be informed by working with others, but that learners must provide an individual response.

- **Resources (internally defined)**

Specifications must state that learners' access to resources is determined by the centre, in line with guidance set by the awarding organisation. The awarding organisation must provide guidance in relation to learners who require the use of special equipment due to, for example, a disability.

### **Task marking – medium control**

- Teachers mark the controlled assessment using mark schemes or criteria provided by the awarding organisation.
- The awarding organisation moderation process must be consistent with the relevant codes of practice.

## **Art and Design**

### **Scheme of assessment**

35. GCSE specifications in Art and Design must allocate a weighting of:

- 40 per cent external assessment;
- 60 per cent controlled assessment.

### **Skills assessed by controlled assessment**

36. The following skills must be assessed through controlled assessment in the form of a learner portfolio. Learners must explore and create by:

- undertaking research and gathering, selecting and organising visual, tactile and/or sensory materials and other relevant information;
- analysing, discussing and evaluating images and their meanings, objects and products, making and recording independent judgements in visual and other forms;
- generating and exploring potential lines of enquiry using appropriate new media and techniques;
- reviewing and modifying work, and planning and developing ideas in the light of their own and others' evaluations;
- organising, selecting and communicating ideas, solutions and responses, and presenting them.

37. In addition, elements of these skills may be assessed externally.

38. These skills must be assessed in the context of the content specified in the GCSE Art and Design criteria.

### **Task setting – limited control**

- Specifications must state that the learner portfolio must be set by the centre. It must be developed from learners' personal and/or given starting points.
- The awarding organisation must provide exemplar tasks.

### **Task taking – medium control**

- **Authenticity control (externally defined)**

Specifications must require learners to complete all work, with the exception of research, under informal supervision. Research may be completed under limited supervision. The awarding organisation must provide clear guidance in relation to the use of research and development, materials from other sources, and the preparation for final production of the work to be assessed.

- **Feedback control (externally defined)**

The awarding organisation must indicate clearly the level of teacher support that is allowed and how this should be recorded.

- **Time control (externally defined)**

The awarding organisation must indicate the approximate duration of the task(s). The awarding organisation must provide guidance in relation to learners who require extra time due to, for example, a disability.

- **Collaboration control (internally defined)**

Specifications must state that the work of the individual may be informed by working with others, but that learners must provide an individual response.

- **Resources (internally defined)**

Specifications must state that learners' access to resources is determined by the centre, in line with guidance set by the awarding organisation. The awarding must provide guidance in relation to learners who require the use of special equipment due to, for example, a disability.

### **Task marking – medium control**

- Teachers mark the controlled assessment using mark schemes or criteria provided by the awarding organisation.
- The awarding organisation moderation process must be consistent with the relevant codes of practice



## **Biology**

### **Scheme of assessment**

39. GCSE specifications in Biology must allocate a weighting of:

- 75 per cent external assessment;
- 25 per cent controlled assessment.

### **Skills assessed by controlled assessment**

40. All controlled assessments in Biology must be directly related to learners' practical work.

41. The following skills must be assessed through controlled assessment:

- develop hypotheses and plan practical ways to test them including risk assessment;
- manage risks when carrying out practical work;
- collect, process, analyse and interpret primary and secondary data including the use of appropriate technology to draw evidence-based conclusions;
- review methodology to assess fitness for purpose;
- review hypotheses in light of outcomes.

42. In addition, elements of these skills may be assessed externally.

43. These skills must be assessed in the context of the content specified in the GCSE Biology criteria.

### **Task setting – high control**

- Specifications must require learners to complete a single controlled assessment component/unit. Each controlled assessment component/unit may contain more than one task.
- Tasks must be selected from a number of comparable tasks provided by the awarding organisation.
- The tasks must be replaced each year.

- Specifications must provide opportunities for centres to contextualise the task(s) to best suit their centre-specific circumstances. Centre specific circumstances will include the availability of, and access to, resources.

## Task taking

### *Research/data collection – limited control*

- **Authenticity control (externally defined)**

Specifications must require learners to complete all work under limited supervision. The awarding organisation must provide clear guidance regarding the use of research methodology, materials from other sources, and the preparation for final production of the work to be assessed.

- **Feedback control (externally defined)**

The awarding organisation must indicate clearly what support is allowed and how this should be recorded.

- **Time control (internally defined)**

Specifications must provide guidance on appropriate time limits. The awarding organisation must provide guidance in relation to learners who require extra time due to, for example, a disability.

- **Collaboration control (externally defined)**

Specifications must state that the work of individual learners may be informed by working with others but that learners must provide an individual response. The awarding organisation must provide guidance regarding learners who require the use of special equipment due to, for example, a disability.

- **Resource control (internally defined)**

Specifications must state that learners' access to resources is determined by those available to the centre.

### *Analysis and evaluation of findings – high control*

- **Authenticity control (externally defined)**

Specifications must require learners to complete all work under formal supervision. The awarding organisation must provide clear guidance regarding the use of materials from other sources, and the preparation for final production of the work to be assessed.

- **Feedback control (externally defined)**

The awarding organisation must indicate clearly what teacher support is allowed and how this should be recorded.

- **Time control (externally defined)**

The awarding organisation must indicate the approximate duration of the tasks. The awarding organisation must provide guidance in relation to learners who require extra time due to, for example, a disability.

- **Collaboration control (externally defined)**

Specifications must require learners to complete all work independently.

- **Resource control (externally defined)**

The awarding organisation must specify the resources available to learners. The awarding organisation must provide guidance in relation to learners who require the use of special equipment due to, for example, a disability.

### **Task marking – medium control**

- Teachers mark the controlled assessment using mark schemes or criteria provided by the awarding organisation.
- The awarding organisation moderation process must be consistent with the relevant codes of practice.

## **Business Studies and business-related subjects**

### **Scheme of assessment**

44. GCSE specifications in Business Studies and business-related subjects must allocate a weighting of:
- 25 per cent controlled assessment;
  - 75 per cent external assessment.

### **Skills assessed by controlled assessment**

45. The following skills must be assessed through controlled assessment:
- decision making – use of data and problem solving;
  - analysis and evaluation.
46. In addition, elements of these skills may be assessed externally.
47. These skills must be assessed in the context of the content specified in the GCSE subject criteria for business subjects.

### **Task setting – high control**

- Specifications must require learners to complete a single controlled assessment component/unit. Each controlled assessment component/unit may contain more than one task. Tasks must be selected from a number of comparable tasks provided by the awarding organisation. The tasks must be replaced each year.
- Specifications must provide opportunities for centres to contextualise the task(s) to best suit their centre-specific circumstances. Centre-specific circumstances will include the availability of, and access to, resources.

### **Task taking**

#### *Research/data collection – limited control*

- **Authenticity control (externally defined)**

Specifications must require learners to complete all work under limited supervision. The awarding organisation must provide clear guidance in relation to the use of research methodology, materials from other sources, and the preparation for final production of the work to be assessed.

- **Feedback control (externally defined)**

The awarding organisation must indicate clearly the level of teacher support that is allowed and how this should be recorded.

- **Time control (internally defined)**

Specifications must provide guidance on appropriate time limits. The awarding organisation must provide guidance in relation to learners who require extra time due to, for example, a disability.

- **Collaboration control (externally defined)**

Specifications must state that the work of individual learners may be informed by working with others, but that learners must provide an individual response. The awarding organisation must provide guidance in relation to learners who require the use of special equipment due to, for example, a disability.

- **Resource control (internally defined)**

Specifications must state that learners' access to resources is determined by the centre, in line with guidance set by the awarding organisation.

### **Analysis and evaluation of findings – high control**

- **Authenticity control (externally defined)**

Specifications must require learners to complete all work under formal supervision. The awarding organisation must provide clear guidance in relation to the use of materials from other sources, and the preparation for final production of the work to be assessed.

- **Feedback control (externally defined)**

The awarding organisation must indicate clearly the level of teacher support that is allowed and how this should be recorded.

- **Time control (externally defined)**

The awarding organisation must indicate the approximate duration of the preparation and communication of analysis and evaluation of findings. The awarding organisation must provide guidance in relation to learners who require extra time due to, for example, a disability.

- **Collaboration control (externally defined)**

Specifications must require learners to complete all work independently.

- **Resource control (externally defined)**

Specifications must state that learners' access to research materials is limited to those specified by the awarding organisation. The awarding organisation must provide guidance in relation to learners who require the use of special equipment due to, for example, a disability.

#### **Task marking – medium control**

- Teachers mark the controlled assessment using mark schemes or criteria provided by the awarding organisation.
- The awarding organisation moderation must be consistent with the relevant codes of practice.

## Chemistry

### Scheme of assessment

48. GCSE specifications in Chemistry must allocate a weighting of:

- 75 per cent external assessment;
- 25 per cent controlled assessment.

### Skills assessed by controlled assessment

49. All controlled assessments in Chemistry must be directly related to learners' practical work.

50. The following skills must be assessed through controlled assessment:

- develop hypotheses and plan practical ways to test them including risk assessment;
- manage risks when carrying out practical work;
- collect, process, analyse and interpret primary and secondary data including the use of appropriate technology to draw evidence-based conclusions;
- review methodology to assess fitness for purpose;
- review hypotheses in light of outcomes.

51. In addition, elements of these skills may be assessed externally.

52. These skills must be assessed in the context of the content specified in the GCSE Chemistry criteria.

### Task setting – high control

- Specifications must require learners to complete a single controlled assessment component/unit. Each controlled assessment component/unit may contain more than one task.
- Tasks must be selected from a number of comparable tasks provided by the awarding organisation.
- The tasks must be replaced each year.

- Specifications must provide opportunities for centres to contextualise the task(s) to best suit their centre-specific circumstances. Centre specific circumstances will include the availability of, and access to, resources.

## Task taking

### *Research/data collection – limited control*

- **Authenticity control (externally defined)**

Specifications must require learners to complete all work under limited supervision. The awarding organisation must provide clear guidance regarding the use of research methodology, materials from other sources, and the preparation for final production of the work to be assessed.

- **Feedback control (externally defined)**

The awarding organisation must indicate clearly what support is allowed and how this should be recorded.

- **Time control (internally defined)**

Specifications must provide guidance on appropriate time limits. The awarding organisation must provide guidance in relation to learners who require extra time due to, for example, a disability.

- **Collaboration control (externally defined)**

Specifications must state that the work of individual learners may be informed by working with others but that learners must provide an individual response. The awarding organisation must provide guidance regarding in relation to learners who require the use of special equipment due to, for example, a disability.

- **Resource control (internally defined)**

Specifications must state that learners' access to resources is determined by those available to the centre.

### *Analysis and evaluation of findings – high control*

- **Authenticity control (externally defined)**



Specifications must require learners to complete all work under formal supervision. The awarding organisation must provide clear guidance regarding the use of materials from other sources, and the preparation for final production of the work to be assessed.

- **Feedback control (externally defined)**

The awarding organisation must indicate clearly what teacher support is allowed and how this should be recorded.

- **Time control (externally defined)**

The awarding organisation must indicate the approximate duration of the tasks. The awarding organisation must provide guidance in relation to learners, who require extra time due to, for example, a disability.

- **Collaboration control (externally defined)**

Specifications must require learners to complete all work independently.

- **Resource control (externally defined)**

The awarding organisation must specify the resources available to learners. The awarding organisation must provide guidance in relation to learners who require the use of special equipment due to, for example, a disability.

### **Task marking – medium control**

- Teachers mark the controlled assessment using mark schemes or criteria provided by the awarding organisation.
- The awarding organisation moderation process must be consistent with any relevant codes of practice.

## **Citizenship Studies**

### **Scheme of assessment**

53. GCSE specifications in Citizenship Studies must allocate a weighting of:

- 40 per cent external assessment;
- 60 per cent controlled assessment.

### **Skills assessed by controlled assessment**

54. The following skills must be assessed through controlled assessment:

- enquiry:
  - researching issues;
- advocacy and representation:
  - evaluating different ideas and viewpoints;
  - presenting a convincing argument;
- taking informed and responsible action:
  - researching action to address citizenship issues;
  - planning, negotiating and taking action to address citizenship issues;
  - evaluating the impact of action.

55. In addition, elements of these skills may be assessed externally.

### **Task setting – high control**

- Specifications must require learners to complete a minimum of one and a maximum of three controlled assessment components/units. Each controlled assessment component/unit may contain more than one task. Tasks must be selected from a number of comparable tasks provided by the awarding organisation.
- Specifications must provide opportunities for centres to contextualise the task(s) to best suit their centre-specific

circumstances. Centre-specific circumstances will include the availability of, and access to, resources.

### **Task taking – medium control**

- **Authenticity control (externally defined)**

Specifications must require learners to complete all work, with the exception of research and taking responsible action, under informal supervision. Research and taking responsible action may be completed under limited supervision. The awarding organisation must provide clear guidance in relation to the use of materials from other sources, and the preparation for final production of the work to be assessed. Final outcomes must be produced under formal supervision.

- **Feedback control (externally defined)**

The awarding organisation must indicate clearly the level of teacher support that is allowed and how this should be recorded. The awarding organisation must provide guidance in relation to learners who require extra time due to, for example, a disability.

- **Time control (externally defined)**

The awarding organisation must indicate the approximate duration of the task(s).

- **Collaboration control (internally defined)**

Specifications must state that the work of the individual may be informed by working with others, but that learners must provide an individual response.

- **Resources (internally defined)**

Specifications must state that learners' access to resources is determined by the centre, in line with awarding organisation guidelines. The awarding organisation must provide guidance in relation to learners who require the use of special equipment due to, for example, a disability.

**Task marking – medium control**

- Teachers mark the controlled assessment using mark schemes or criteria provided by the awarding organisation.
- The awarding organisation moderation process must be consistent with the relevant codes of practice.

## Classical subjects

### Scheme of assessment

56. GCSE specifications in Classical Civilisation must allocate a weighting of:
- 75 per cent external assessment;
  - 25 per cent controlled assessment.

### Skills assessed by controlled assessment

57. The following skills must be assessed through controlled assessment:
- interpretation, analysis and evaluation of appropriate classical sources in context.
58. In addition, elements of these skills may be assessed externally.
59. These skills must be assessed in the context of the content specified in the GCSE classical subjects criteria.

### Task setting – high control

- Specifications must require learners to complete a single controlled assessment component/unit. Each controlled assessment component/unit may contain more than one task. Tasks must be selected from a number of comparable tasks provided by the awarding organisation. The tasks must be replaced each year.
- Specifications must provide opportunities for centres to contextualise the task(s) to best suit their centre-specific circumstances. Centre-specific circumstances will include the availability of, and access to, resources.

### Task taking

#### *Research/data collection – limited control*

- **Authenticity control (externally defined)**

Specifications must require learners to complete all work under limited supervision. The awarding organisation must provide clear

guidance in relation to the use of research methodology, materials from other sources, and the preparation for final production of the work to be assessed.

- **Feedback control (externally defined)**

The awarding organisation must indicate clearly the level of teacher support that is allowed and how this should be recorded.

- **Time control (internally defined)**

Specifications must provide guidance on appropriate time limits. The awarding organisation must provide guidance in relation to learners who require extra time due to, for example, a disability.

- **Collaboration control (externally defined)**

Specifications must state that the work of individual learners may be informed by working with others, but that learners must provide an individual response. The awarding organisation must provide guidance in relation to learners who require the use of special equipment due to, for example, a disability.

- **Resource control (internally defined)**

Specifications must state that learners' access to resources is determined by those available to the centre.

### **Analysis and evaluation of findings – high control**

- **Authenticity control (externally defined)**

Specifications must require learners to complete all work under formal supervision. The awarding organisation must provide clear guidance in relation to the use of materials from other sources, and the preparation for final production of the work to be assessed.

- **Feedback control (externally defined)**

The awarding organisation must indicate clearly the level of teacher support that is allowed and how this should be recorded.

- **Time control (externally defined)**

The awarding organisation must indicate the approximate time allowed for the preparation and communication of analysis and

evaluation of findings. The awarding organisation must provide guidance in relation to learners who require extra time due to, for example, a disability.

- **Collaboration control (externally defined)**

Specifications must require learners to complete all work independently.

- **Resource control (externally defined)**

The awarding organisation must specify the resources available to learners. The awarding organisation must provide guidance in relation to learners who require the use of special equipment due to, for example, a disability.

### **Task marking – medium control**

- Teachers mark the controlled assessment using mark schemes or criteria provided by the awarding organisation.
- The awarding organisation moderation process must be consistent with the requirements of the relevant codes of practice.

## **Construction and the Built Environment**

### **Scheme of assessment**

60. GCSE specifications in Construction and the Built Environment must allocate a weighting of:
- 40 per cent external assessment;
  - 60 per cent controlled assessment.

### **Skills assessed by controlled assessment**

61. The following skills must be assessed through controlled assessment:
- planning investigations and/or tasks;
  - carrying out investigations and/or tasks.
62. In addition, elements of these skills may be assessed externally.
63. These skills must be assessed in the context of the content specified in the GCSE Construction and the Built Environment criteria.

### **Task setting – high control**

- Specifications must require learners to complete a minimum of one and a maximum of three controlled assessment components/units. Each controlled assessment component/unit may contain more than one task. Tasks must be selected from a number of comparable tasks provided by the awarding organisation.
- Specifications must provide opportunities for centres to contextualise the task(s) to best suit their centre-specific circumstances. Centre-specific circumstances will include the availability of, and access to, resources.

### **Task taking – medium control**

- **Authenticity control (externally defined)**  
  
Specifications must require learners to complete all work, with the exception of research, under informal supervision. Research may



be completed under limited supervision. The awarding organisation must provide clear guidance in relation to the use of research and development, materials from other sources, and the preparation for final production of the work to be assessed.

- **Feedback control (externally defined)**

The awarding organisation must indicate clearly the level of teacher support that is allowed and how this should be recorded.

- **Time control (externally defined)**

The awarding organisation must indicate the approximate duration of the task(s). The awarding organisation must provide guidance in relation to learners who require extra time due to, for example, a disability.

- **Collaboration control (externally defined)**

Specifications must state that the work of the individual may be informed by working with others, but that learners must provide an individual response.

- **Resources (internally defined)**

Specifications must state that learners' access to resources is determined by the centre, in line with guidance set by the awarding organisation. The awarding organisation must provide guidance in relation to learners who require the use of special equipment due to, for example, a disability.

### **Task marking – medium control**

- Teachers mark the controlled assessment using mark schemes or criteria provided by the awarding organisation.
- The awarding organisation moderation process must be consistent with the requirements of the relevant codes of practice.

## **Dance**

### **Scheme of assessment**

64. GCSE specifications in Dance must allocate a weighting of:

- 40 per cent external assessment;
- 60 per cent controlled assessment.

### **Skills assessed by controlled assessment**

65. The following skills must be assessed through controlled assessment:

- effectiveness as a performer and choreographer;
- ability to appreciate and critique dance in response to the learner's own work and the work of others.

66. In addition, elements of these skills may be assessed externally.

67. These skills must be assessed in the context of the content specified in the GCSE Dance criteria.

### **Task setting – medium control**

- Specifications must require learners to complete a minimum of one and a maximum of three controlled assessment components/units. Each controlled assessment component/unit may contain more than one task. Tasks must either be selected from a number of comparable tasks provided by the awarding organisation or designed by the centre according to criteria set out by the awarding organisation.
- Specifications must provide opportunities for centres to contextualise the task(s) to best suit their centre-specific circumstances. Centre-specific circumstances will include the availability of, and access to, resources.

### **Task taking – medium control**

- **Authenticity control (externally defined)**

Specifications must require learners to complete all work, with the exception of research and preparation, under informal supervision. Research and preparation may be completed under limited supervision. The awarding organisation must provide clear guidance in relation to the use of research and preparation for final production of the work to be assessed.

- **Feedback control (externally defined)**

The awarding organisation must indicate clearly the level of teacher support that is allowed and how this should be recorded.

- **Time control (externally defined)**

The awarding organisation must indicate the approximate duration of the task(s). The awarding organisation must provide guidance in relation to learners who require extra time due to, for example, a disability

- **Collaboration control (internally defined)**

Specifications must state that the work of the individual may be informed by working with others, but that learners must provide an individual response.

- **Resources (internally defined)**

Specifications must state that learners' access to resources is determined by the centre, in line with guidance set by the awarding organisation. The awarding organisation must provide guidance in relation to learners who require the use of special equipment due to, for example, a disability.

### **Task marking – medium control**

- Teachers mark the controlled assessment using mark schemes or criteria provided by the awarding organisation.
- The awarding organisation moderation process must be consistent with the requirements of the relevant codes of practice.

## **Design and Technology**

### **Scheme of assessment**

68. GCSE specifications in Design and Technology must allocate a weighting of:

- 40 per cent external assessment;
- 60 per cent controlled assessment.

### **Skills assessed by controlled assessment**

69. The following skills must be assessed through controlled assessment:

- designing creatively;
- making products;
- applying systems and control, CAD/CAM, digital media and new technologies;
- analysis and evaluation of processes and products.

70. In addition, elements of these skills may be assessed externally.

71. These skills must be assessed in the context of the content specified in the GCSE Design and Technology criteria.

### **Task setting – high control**

- Specifications must require learners to complete a minimum of one and a maximum of three controlled assessment components/units. Each controlled assessment component/unit may contain more than one task. Tasks must be selected from a number of comparable tasks provided by the awarding organisation.
- Specifications must provide opportunities for centres to contextualise the task(s) to best suit their centre-specific circumstances. Centre-specific circumstances will include the availability of, and access to, resources.

### **Task taking – medium control**

- **Authenticity control (externally defined)**

Specifications must require learners to complete all work, with the exception of research and preparation, under informal supervision. Research and preparation may be completed under limited supervision. The awarding organisation must provide clear guidance in relation to the use of research and development, and materials from other sources, in the preparation for final production of the work to be assessed.

- **Feedback control (externally defined)**

The awarding organisation must indicate clearly the level of teacher support that is allowed and how this should be recorded.

- **Time control (externally defined)**

The awarding organisation must indicate the approximate duration of the task(s). The awarding organisation must provide guidance in relation to learners who require extra time due to, for example, a disability.

- **Collaboration control (internally defined)**

Specifications must state that the work of the individual may be informed by working with others, but that learners must provide an individual response.

- **Resources (internally defined)**

Specifications must state that learners' access to resources is determined by those available to the centre. The awarding organisation must provide guidance in relation to learners who require the use of special equipment due to, for example, a disability.

### **Task marking – medium control**

- Teachers mark the controlled assessment using mark schemes or criteria provided by the awarding organisation.
- The awarding organisation moderation process must be consistent with the relevant codes of practice.

## **Drama**

### **Scheme of assessment**

72. GCSE specifications in Drama must allocate a weighting of:

- 40 per cent external assessment;
- 60 per cent controlled assessment.

### **Skills assessed by controlled assessment**

73. The following skills must be assessed through controlled assessment:

- planning and preparation (select, synthesise and use ideas to create drama);
- Improvisation;
- performance and production;
- collaboration and creativity;
- reflective, analytical and evaluative skills.

74. In addition, elements of these skills may be assessed externally.

75. These skills must be assessed in the context of the content specified in the GCSE Drama criteria.

### **Task setting – limited control**

- Specifications must require learners to complete a minimum of one and a maximum of three controlled assessment components/units. Each controlled assessment component/unit may contain more than one task. Tasks must be designed by the centre according to criteria set by the awarding organisation.

### **Task taking – medium control**

- **Authenticity control (externally defined)**

Specifications must require learners to complete all work, with the exception of research, under informal supervision. Research may be completed under limited supervision. The awarding organisation

must provide clear guidance in relation to the use of research for final performance and/or production of the work to be assessed. Final performances and/or productions must be completed under formal supervision.

- **Feedback control (externally defined)**

The awarding organisation must indicate clearly the level of teacher support that is allowed and how this should be recorded.

- **Time control (externally defined)**

The awarding organisation must indicate the approximate duration of the task(s). The awarding organisation must provide guidance in relation to learners who require extra time due to, for example, a disability.

- **Collaboration control (internally defined)**

Specifications must state that the work of the individual may be informed by working with others, but that learners must provide an individual response.

- **Resources (internally defined)**

Specifications must state that learners' access to resources is determined by the centre, in line with guidance set by the awarding organisation. The awarding organisation must provide guidance in relation to learners who require the use of special equipment due to, for example, a disability.

### **Task marking – medium control**

- Teachers mark the controlled assessment using mark schemes or criteria provided by the awarding organisation.
- The awarding organisation moderation process must be consistent with the relevant codes of practice.

## **Engineering**

### **Scheme of assessment**

76. GCSE specifications in Engineering must allocate a weighting of:

- 40 per cent external assessment;
- 60 per cent controlled assessment.

### **Skills assessed by controlled assessment**

77. The following skills must be assessed through controlled assessment:

- designing a product;
- engineering a product.

78. In addition, elements of these skills may be assessed externally.

79. These skills must be assessed in the context of the content specified in the GCSE Engineering criteria.

### **Task setting – high control**

- Specifications must require learners to complete a minimum of one and a maximum of three controlled assessment components/units. Each controlled assessment component/unit may contain more than one task. Tasks must be selected from a number of comparable tasks provided by the awarding organisation.
- Specifications must provide opportunities for centres to contextualise the task(s) to best suit their centre-specific circumstances. Centre-specific circumstances will include the availability of, and access to, resources.

### **Task taking – medium control**

- **Authenticity control (externally defined)**

Specifications must require learners to complete all work, with the exception of research, under informal supervision. Research may be completed under limited supervision. The awarding organisation



must provide clear guidance in relation to the use of research and development, materials from other sources, and the preparation for final production of the work to be assessed.

- **Feedback control (externally defined)**

The awarding organisation must indicate clearly the level of teacher support that is allowed and how this should be recorded.

- **Time control (externally defined)**

The awarding organisation must indicate the approximate duration of the task(s). The awarding organisation must provide guidance in relation to learners who require extra time due to, for example, a disability.

- **Collaboration control (internally defined)**

Specifications must state that the work of the individual may be informed by working with others, but that learners must provide an individual response.

- **Resources (internally defined)**

Specifications must state that learners' access to resources is determined by the centre, in line with guidance set by the awarding organisation. The awarding organisation must provide guidance in relation to learners who require the use of special equipment due to, for example, a disability.

### **Task marking – medium control**

- Teachers mark the controlled assessment using mark schemes or criteria provided by the awarding organisation.
- The awarding organisation moderation process must be consistent with the relevant codes of practice.

## English

### **Scheme of assessment**

80. GCSE specifications in English must allocate a weighting of:

- 40 per cent external assessment;
- 60 per cent controlled assessment.

### **Skills assessed by controlled assessment**

81. The following skills must be assessed through controlled assessment:

- 20 per cent controlled assessment must relate to assessment objective 1, speaking and listening;
- 20 per cent controlled assessment must relate to assessment objective 2, reading;
- 20 per cent controlled assessment must relate to assessment objective 3, writing.

82. In addition, elements of these skills may be externally assessed.

83. These skills must be assessed in the context of the content specified in the GCSE subject criteria for English.

### **Speaking and listening**

#### *Task setting – limited control*

- Specifications must require learners to complete a single controlled assessment component/unit in speaking and listening. The controlled assessment component/unit must require learners to complete a minimum of three speaking and listening tasks.
- The awarding organisation must provide exemplar tasks.
- The awarding organisation must ensure that specifications provide opportunities for centres to do one of the following:

- adapt exemplar tasks provided by the awarding organisation within clearly defined parameters set by the awarding organisation;
- design their own tasks according to clearly defined parameters set by the awarding organisation, including provision for the regular replacement of tasks.

*Task taking – high control*

- **Authenticity control (externally defined)**

Specifications must require learners to complete all work, with the exception of preparation, under formal supervision. Preparation may be completed under limited supervision.

- **Feedback control (externally defined)**

The awarding organisation must indicate clearly the level of teacher support that is allowed and how this should be recorded.

- **Time control (externally defined)**

The awarding organisation must indicate the approximate minimum and maximum duration of speaking tasks.

- **Collaboration control (internally defined)**

Specifications must state that the work of individual learners may be informed by working with others, for example in discussion groups, but that learners must provide an individual response.

- **Resource control (internally defined)**

Specifications must state that learners' access to resources is determined by those available to the centre.

*Task marking – medium control*

84. Teachers mark the controlled assessment using mark schemes or criteria provided by the awarding organisation.

85. The awarding organisation moderation process must be consistent the relevant codes of practice

## Reading

### *Task setting – high control*

- Specifications must require learners to complete a single controlled assessment component/unit in reading. Each controlled assessment component/unit may contain more than one task. Tasks must be selected from a number of comparable tasks provided by the awarding organisation. Tasks must be based on learners' study of a range of texts as specified in the subject criteria for English. Specifications must include details of the range of reading necessary to complete the task. The tasks must be replaced each year.
- Specifications must provide opportunities for centres to contextualise the task(s) to best suit their centre-specific circumstances.

### *Task taking – high control*

- **Authenticity control (externally defined)**

Specifications must require learners to complete all work, with the exception of preparation, under formal supervision. Preparation may be completed under informal supervision. The awarding organisation must provide clear guidance in relation to the choice of texts, preparatory work, and the use of materials from other sources. Centre-specific circumstances will include the availability of, and access to, resources.
- **Feedback control (externally defined)**

The awarding organisation must indicate clearly the level of teacher support that is allowed and how this should be recorded.
- **Time control (externally defined)**

The awarding organisation must indicate the approximate duration of the tasks.

- **Collaboration control (internally defined)**

Specifications must state that individual learners' preparation may be informed by working with others but that learners must provide an individual response.

- **Resource control (externally defined)**

Specifications must state that learners are not allowed access to dictionaries and thesauri and to grammar and spell check programs. Copies of the text used during the assessment period must be unannotated.

*Task marking – medium control*

- Teachers mark the controlled assessment using mark schemes or criteria provided by the awarding organisation.
- The awarding organisation moderation must be consistent with the requirements of the relevant regulatory criteria and code of practice.

## **Writing**

*Task setting – high control*

- Specifications must require learners to complete a single controlled assessment component/unit in writing. Each controlled assessment component/unit may contain more than one task that may be linked by topic or general theme. Tasks must be selected from a number of comparable tasks provided by the awarding organisation. Tasks must be replaced each year, although topics and themes may be retained for a longer period.
- Specifications must provide opportunities for centres to contextualise the task(s) to best suit their centre-specific circumstances. Centre-specific circumstances will include the availability of, and access to, resources

*Task taking – high control*

- **Authenticity control (externally defined)**

Specifications must require learners to complete all work, with the exception of preparation, under formal supervision. Preparation may be completed under informal supervision. The awarding organisation must provide clear guidance in relation to the use of stimulus materials and preparatory work. Centre specific circumstances will include the availability of and access to resources.

- **Feedback control (externally defined)**

The awarding organisation must indicate clearly the level of teacher support that is allowed and how this should be recorded.

- **Time control (externally defined)**

The awarding organisation must indicate the approximate duration of the tasks.

- **Collaboration control (externally defined)**

Specifications must state that learners must provide an individual response.

- **Resource control (externally defined)**

Specifications must state that learners are not allowed access to dictionaries and thesauri and to grammar and spell check programs.

*Task marking – medium control*

- Teachers mark the controlled assessment using mark schemes or criteria provided by the awarding organisation.
- The awarding organisation moderation process must be consistent with the relevant codes of practice

## English Language

### Scheme of assessment

86. GCSE specifications in English Language must allocate a weighting of:

- 40 per cent external assessment;
- 60 per cent controlled assessment.

### Skills assessed by controlled assessment

87. The following skills must be assessed through controlled assessment:

- 20 per cent controlled assessment must relate to assessment objective 1, speaking and listening
- 10 per cent controlled assessment must relate to assessment objective 2, study of spoken language
- 30 per cent controlled assessment must relate to assessment objective 3, studying written language, and assessment objective 4, writing.

88. In addition, elements of these skills may be externally assessed.

89. These skills must be assessed in the context of the content specified in the GCSE subject criteria for English Language.

### Speaking and listening

#### *Task setting – limited control*

90. Specifications must require learners to complete a single controlled assessment component/unit in speaking and listening. The controlled assessment component/unit must require learners to complete a minimum of three speaking and listening tasks.

91. The awarding organisation must provide exemplar tasks.

92. The awarding organisation must ensure that specifications provide opportunities for centres to do one of the following:

- adapt exemplar tasks provided by the awarding organisation within clearly defined parameters set by the awarding organisation;
- design their own tasks according to clearly defined parameters set by the awarding organisation, including provision for the regular replacement of tasks.

#### *Task taking – high control*

- **Authenticity control (externally defined)**

Specifications must require learners to complete all work, with the exception of preparation, under formal supervision. Preparation may be completed under limited supervision.

- **Feedback control (externally defined)**

The awarding organisation must indicate clearly the level of teacher support that is allowed and how this should be recorded.

- **Time control (externally defined)**

The awarding organisation must indicate the approximate minimum and maximum duration of speaking tasks.

- **Collaboration control (internally defined)**

Specifications must state that the work of individual learners may be informed by working with others, for example in discussion groups, but that learners must provide an individual response.

- **Resource control (internally defined)**

Specifications must state that learners' access to resources is determined by those available to the centre.

#### **Task marking – medium control**

- Teachers mark the controlled assessment using mark schemes or criteria provided by the awarding organisation.
- The awarding organisation moderation process must be consistent with the relevant codes of practice



## Spoken language study

### *Task setting – high control*

- Tasks must be selected from a number of comparable tasks provided by the awarding organisation. Specifications must include details of the use of source or research material, including access to users of language beyond the classroom. The tasks must be replaced each year.
- Specifications must provide opportunities for centres to contextualise the task(s) to best suit their centre-specific circumstances. Centre-specific circumstances will include the availability of, and access to, resources.

### *Task taking – high control*

- **Authenticity control (externally defined)**

Specifications must require learners to complete all work, with the exception of research, under formal supervision. Research may be completed under limited supervision. The awarding organisation must provide clear guidance in relation to the nature of supporting materials that learners are permitted, including the use of materials from other sources.

- **Feedback control (externally defined)**

The awarding organisation must indicate clearly the level of teacher support that is allowed and how this should be recorded.

- **Time control (externally defined)**

The awarding organisation must indicate the approximate minimum and maximum duration of the spoken language study.

- **Collaboration control (internally defined)**

Specifications must state that the work of individual learners may be informed by working with others, for example in discussion groups, but that learners must provide an individual response.

- **Resource control (internally defined)**

Specifications must state that learners' access to resources is determined by those available to the centre.

*Task marking – medium control*

- Teachers mark the controlled assessment using mark schemes or criteria provided by the awarding organisation.
- The awarding organisation moderation process must be consistent with the relevant codes of practice.

**Written language study**

*Task setting – high control*

- Tasks must be selected from a number of comparable tasks provided by the awarding organisation. The tasks must be replaced each year.
- Specifications must provide opportunities for centres to contextualise the task(s) to best suit their centre-specific circumstances. Centre-specific circumstances will include the availability of, and access to, resources.

*Task taking – high control*

- **Authenticity control (externally defined)**  
  
Specifications must require learners to complete all work, with the exception of preparation, under formal supervision. Preparation may be completed under informal supervision. The awarding organisation must provide clear guidance in relation to the use of stimulus materials and preparatory work.
- **Feedback control (externally defined)**  
  
The awarding organisation must indicate clearly the level of teacher support that is allowed and how this should be recorded.
- **Time control (externally defined)**

The awarding organisation must indicate the approximate duration of the tasks.

- **Collaboration control (externally defined)**

Specifications must state that learners must provide an individual response.

- **Resource control (externally defined)**

Specifications must state that learners are not allowed access to dictionaries and thesauri and to grammar and spell check programs. Specifications must state that learners must use unannotated copies of texts.

*Task marking – medium control*

- Teachers mark the controlled assessment using mark schemes or criteria provided by the awarding organisation.
- The awarding organisation moderation process must be consistent with the relevant codes of practice.

## **Writing**

*Task setting – high control*

- Tasks, which may be linked by topic or general theme, must be selected from a number of comparable tasks provided by the awarding organisation. Tasks must be replaced each year, although topics and themes may be retained for a longer period.
- Specifications must provide opportunities for centres to contextualise the task(s) to best suit their centre-specific circumstances. Centre-specific circumstances will include the availability of, and access to, resources.

*Task taking – high control*

- **Authenticity control (externally defined)**

Specifications must require learners to complete all work, with the exception of preparation, under formal supervision. Preparation may be completed under informal supervision. The awarding organisation must provide clear guidance in relation to the use of stimulus materials and preparatory work.

- **Feedback control (externally defined)**

The awarding organisation must indicate clearly the level of teacher support that is allowed and how this should be recorded.

- **Time control (externally defined)**

The awarding organisation must indicate the approximate duration of the tasks.

- **Collaboration control (externally defined)**

Specifications must state that learners must provide an individual response.

- **Resource control (externally defined)**

Specifications must state that learners are not allowed access to dictionaries and thesauri and to grammar and spell check programs.

*Task marking – medium control*

- Teachers mark the controlled assessment using mark schemes or criteria provided by the awarding organisation.
- The awarding organisation moderation process must be consistent with the requirements of the relevant codes of practice.

## English Literature

### Scheme of assessment

93. GCSE specifications in English Literature must allocate a weighting of:

- 75 per cent external assessment;
- 25 per cent controlled assessment.

### Skills assessed by controlled assessment

94. The following skills must be assessed through controlled assessment:

- study of linked texts.

95. In addition, elements of these skills may be externally assessed.

96. These skills must be assessed in the context of the content specified in the GCSE subject criteria for English Literature.

### Task setting – high control

97. Specifications must require learners to complete a single controlled assessment component/unit. Each controlled assessment component/unit may contain more than one task.
98. Tasks must be selected from a number of comparable tasks provided by the awarding organisation. The awarding organisation must specify foci for study, areas of linkage and a range of appropriate texts associated with them. The tasks must be replaced each year, although foci may be retained for a longer period.
99. Specifications must provide opportunities for centres to contextualise the task(s) to best suit their centre-specific circumstances. Centre-specific circumstances will include the availability of, and access to, resources

### Task taking

#### *Research and planning – limited control*

- **Authenticity control (externally defined)**

Specifications must require learners to complete all work under limited supervision. The awarding organisation must provide clear guidance regarding the use of research materials and materials from other sources, and the preparation for final production of the work to be assessed.

- **Feedback control (externally defined)**

The awarding organisation must indicate clearly what support is allowed and how this should be recorded.

- **Time control (internally defined)**

Specifications must provide guidance on appropriate time limits. The awarding organisation must provide guidance in relation to learners who require extra time due to, for example, a disability.

- **Collaboration control (externally defined)**

Specifications must state that the work of individual learners may be informed by working with others but that learners must provide an individual response. The awarding organisation must provide guidance in relation to learners who require the use of special equipment due to, for example, a disability.

- **Resource control (internally defined)**

Specifications must state that learners' access to resources is determined by those available to the centre.

*Analysis and evaluation – high control*

- **Authenticity control (externally defined)**

Specifications must require learners to complete all work under formal supervision. The awarding organisation must provide clear guidance regarding the use of materials from other sources, and the preparation for final production of the work to be assessed.

- **Feedback control (externally defined)**

The awarding organisation must indicate clearly what teacher support is allowed and how this should be recorded.

- **Time control (externally defined)**

The awarding organisation must indicate the approximate duration of the preparation and communication of analysis and evaluation of findings. The awarding organisation must provide guidance in relation to learners who require extra time due to, for example, a disability.

- **Collaboration control (externally defined)**

Specifications must require learners to complete all work independently.

- **Resource control (externally defined)**

The awarding organisation must specify the resources available to learners. The awarding organisation must provide guidance in relation to learners who require the use of special equipment due to, for example, a disability.

100. **Specifications must state that learners are allowed access to dictionaries and thesauri and to grammar and spell check programs. Copies of texts used during the assessment must be unannotated.**

**Task marking – medium control**

- Teachers mark the controlled assessment using mark schemes or criteria provided by the awarding organisation.
- The awarding organisation moderation process must be consistent with the requirements of the relevant codes of practice.

## **Expressive Arts**

### **Scheme of assessment**

101. GCSE specifications in Expressive Arts must allocate a weighting of:

- 40 per cent external assessment;
- 60 per cent controlled assessment.

### **Skills assessed by controlled assessment**

102. The following skills must be assessed through controlled assessment:

- research and investigation;
- exploration of the relationships and connections within and between art forms;
- realisation of creative intentions in light of the intended audience;
- evaluation of learners' own work and the work of others.

103. In addition, elements of these skills may be assessed externally.

104. These skills must be assessed in the context of the content specified in the GCSE Expressive Arts criteria.

### **Task setting – limited control**

- Specifications must require learners to complete a minimum of one and a maximum of three controlled assessment components/units. Each controlled assessment component/unit may contain more than one task. Tasks must be designed by the centre according to criteria set out by the awarding organisation.

### **Task taking – medium control**

- **Authenticity control (externally defined)**

Specifications must require learners to complete all work, with the exception of research, under informal supervision. Research may be completed under limited supervision. The awarding organisation must provide clear guidance in relation to the use of research and



development, materials from other sources, and the preparation for final production of the work to be assessed.

- **Feedback control (externally defined)**

The awarding organisation must indicate clearly the level of teacher support that is allowed and how this should be recorded.

- **Time control (externally defined)**

The awarding organisation must indicate the approximate duration of the task(s). The awarding organisation must provide guidance in relation to learners who require extra time due to, for example, a disability.

- **Collaboration control (internally defined)**

Specifications must state that the work of the individual may be informed by working with others, but that learners must provide an individual response.

- **Resources (internally defined)**

Specifications must state that learners' access to resources is determined by the centre, in line with guidance set by the awarding organisation. The awarding organisation must provide guidance in relation to learners who require the use of special equipment due to, for example, a disability.

### **Task marking – medium control**

- Teachers mark the controlled assessment using mark schemes or criteria provided by the awarding organisation.
- The awarding organisation moderation process must be consistent the relevant codes of practice.

## **Geography**

### **Scheme of assessment**

105. GCSE specifications in Geography must allocate a weighting of:

- 75 per cent external assessment;
- 25 per cent controlled assessment.

### **Skills assessed by controlled assessment**

106. The following skills must be assessed through controlled assessment in the context of fieldwork:

- identifying, analysing and evaluating geographical questions and issues;
- establishing appropriate sequences of investigation incorporating geographical skills, including enquiry skills;
- extracting and interpreting information from a range of different sources;
- evaluating methods of collecting, presenting and analysing evidence, and the validity and limitations of evidence and conclusions.

107. In addition, elements of these skills may be assessed externally.

### **Task setting – high control**

- Specifications must require learners to complete a single controlled assessment component/unit. Each controlled assessment component/unit may contain more than one task. Tasks must be selected from a number of comparable tasks provided by the awarding organisation. The tasks must be replaced each year.
- Specifications must provide opportunities for centres to contextualise the task(s) to best suit their centre-specific circumstances. Centre-specific circumstances will include the availability of, and access to, resources.

## Task taking

### *Research/data collection – limited control*

- **Authenticity control (externally defined)**

Specifications must require learners to complete all work under limited supervision. The awarding organisation must provide clear guidance in relation to the use of research methodology, materials from other sources, and the preparation for final production of the work to be assessed.

- **Feedback control (externally defined)**

The awarding organisation must indicate clearly the level of teacher support that is allowed and how this should be recorded.

- **Time control (internally defined)**

Specifications must provide guidance on appropriate time limits. The awarding organisation must provide guidance in relation to learners who require extra time due to, for example, a disability.

- **Collaboration control (externally defined)**

Specifications must state that the work of individual learners may be informed by working with others, but that learners must provide an individual response. The awarding organisation must provide guidance in relation to learners who require the use of special equipment due to, for example, a disability.

- **Resource control (internally defined)**

Specifications must state that learners' access to resources is determined by those available to the centre.

### *Analysis and evaluation of findings – high control*

- **Authenticity control (externally defined)**

Specifications must require learners to complete all work under formal supervision. The awarding organisation must provide clear guidance in relation to the use of materials from other sources, and the preparation for final production of the work to be assessed.

- **Feedback control (externally defined)**

The awarding organisation must indicate clearly the level of teacher support that is allowed and how this should be recorded.

- **Time control (externally defined)**

The awarding organisation must indicate the approximate time allowed for the preparation and communication of analysis and evaluation of findings. The awarding organisation must provide guidance in relation to learners who require extra time due to, for example, a disability.

- **Collaboration control (externally defined)**

Specifications must require learners to complete all work independently.

- **Resource control (externally defined)**

The awarding organisation must specify the resources available to learners. The awarding organisation must provide guidance in relation to learners who require the use of special equipment due to, for example, a disability.

### **Task marking – medium control**

- Teachers mark the controlled assessment using mark schemes or criteria provided by the awarding organisation.
- The awarding organisation moderation process must be consistent with the relevant codes of practice.

## **Health and social care**

### **Scheme of assessment**

108. GCSE specifications in Health and Social Care must allocate a weighting of:

- 40 per cent external assessment;
- 60 per cent controlled assessment.

### **Skills assessed by controlled assessment**

109. The following skills must be assessed through controlled assessment:

- planning investigations and/or tasks;
- carrying out investigations and/or tasks.

110. In addition, elements of these skills may be assessed externally.

111. These skills must be assessed in the context of the content specified in the GCSE Health and Social Care criteria.

### **Task setting – high control**

- Specifications must require learners to complete a minimum of one and a maximum of three controlled assessment components/units. Each controlled assessment component/unit may contain more than one task. Tasks must be selected from a number of comparable tasks provided by the awarding organisation.
- Specifications must provide opportunities for centres to contextualise the task(s) to best suit their centre-specific circumstances. Centre-specific circumstances will include the availability of, and access to, resources.

### **Task taking – medium control**

- **Authenticity control (externally defined)**

Specifications must require learners to complete all work, with the exception of research, under informal supervision. Research may

be completed under limited supervision. The awarding organisation must provide clear guidance in relation to the use of research and development, materials from other sources, and the preparation for final production of the work to be assessed.

- **Feedback control (externally defined)**

The awarding organisation must indicate clearly the level of teacher support that is allowed and how this should be recorded.

- **Time control (externally defined)**

The awarding organisation must indicate the approximate duration of the task(s). The awarding organisation must provide guidance in relation to learners who require extra time due to, for example, a disability.

- **Collaboration control (internally defined)**

Specifications must state that the work of the individual may be informed by working with others, but that learners must provide an individual response.

- **Resources (internally defined)**

Specifications must state that learners' access to resources is determined by the centre. The awarding organisation must provide guidance in relation to learners who require the use of special equipment due to, for example, a disability.

### **Task marking – medium control**

- Teachers mark the controlled assessment using mark schemes or criteria provided by the awarding organisation.
- The awarding organisation moderation process must be consistent with the relevant codes of practice.

## History

### Scheme of assessment

112. GCSE specifications in History must allocate a weighting of:

- 75 per cent external assessment;
- 25 per cent controlled assessment.

### Skills assessed by controlled assessment

113. The following skills must be assessed through controlled assessment:

- historical enquiry;
- historical interpretation.

114. In addition, elements of these skills may be assessed externally.

115. These skills must be assessed in the context of the content specified in the GCSE History criteria.

### Task setting – high control

- Specifications must require learners to complete a single controlled assessment component/unit. Each controlled assessment component/unit may contain more than one task. Tasks must be selected from a number of comparable tasks provided by the awarding organisation. The tasks must be replaced each year.
- The awarding organisation must ensure that specifications provide opportunities for centres to contextualise the task(s) to best suit their centre-specific circumstances. Centre-specific circumstances will include the availability of, and access to, resources.

### Task taking

#### *Research/data collection – limited control*

- **Authenticity control (externally defined)**

Specifications must require learners to complete all work under limited supervision. The awarding organisation must provide clear

guidance in relation to the use of research methodology, materials from other sources, and the preparation for final production of the work to be assessed.

- **Feedback control (externally defined)**

The awarding organisation must indicate clearly the level of teacher support that is allowed and how this should be recorded.

- **Time control (internally defined)**

Specifications must provide guidance on appropriate time limits. The awarding organisation must provide guidance in relation to learners who require extra time due to, for example, a disability.

- **Collaboration control (externally defined)**

Specifications must state that the work of individual learners may be informed by working with others, but that learners must provide an individual response. The awarding organisation must provide guidance in relation to learners who require the use of special equipment due to, for example, a disability.

- **Resource control (internally defined)**

Specifications must state that learners' access to resources is determined by those available to the centre.

### **Analysis and evaluation of findings – high control**

- **Authenticity control (externally defined)**

Specifications must require learners to complete all work under formal supervision. The awarding organisation must provide clear guidance in relation to the use of materials from other sources, and the preparation for final production of the work to be assessed.

- **Feedback control (externally defined)**

The awarding organisation must indicate clearly the level of teacher support that is allowed and how this should be recorded.

- **Time control (externally defined)**

The awarding organisation must indicate the approximate time allowed for the preparation and communication of analysis and evaluation of findings. The awarding organisation must provide



guidance in relation to learners who require extra time due to, for example, a disability.

- **Collaboration control (externally defined)**

Specifications must require learners to complete all work independently.

- **Resource control (externally defined)**

The awarding organisation must specify the resources available to learners. The awarding organisation must provide guidance in relation to learners who require the use of special equipment due to, for example, a disability.

**Task marking – medium control**

- Teachers mark the controlled assessment using mark schemes or criteria provided by the awarding organisation.
- The awarding organisation moderation process must be consistent with the relevant codes of practice.

## **Home economics**

### **Scheme of assessment**

116. GCSE specifications in Home Economics must allocate a weighting of:

- 40 per cent external assessment;
- 60 per cent controlled assessment.

### **Skills assessed by controlled assessment**

117. The following skills must be assessed through controlled assessment:

- planning investigations and/or tasks;
- carrying out investigations and/or tasks.

118. In addition, elements of these skills may be assessed externally.

119. These skills must be assessed in the context of the content specified in the GCSE Home Economics criteria.

### **Task setting – high control**

- Specifications must require learners to complete a minimum of one and a maximum of three controlled assessment components/units. Each controlled assessment component/unit may contain more than one task. Tasks must be selected from a number of comparable tasks provided by the awarding organisation.
- Specifications must provide opportunities for centres to contextualise the task(s) to best suit their centre-specific circumstances. Centre-specific circumstances will include the availability of, and access to, resources.

### **Task taking – medium control**

- **Authenticity control (externally defined)**

Specifications must require learners to complete all work, with the exception of research, under informal supervision. Research may be completed under limited supervision. The awarding organisation

must provide clear guidance in relation to the use of research and development, materials from other sources, and the preparation for final production of the work to be assessed.

- **Feedback control (externally defined)**

The awarding organisation must indicate clearly the level of teacher support that is allowed and how this should be recorded.

- **Time control (externally defined)**

The awarding organisation must indicate the approximate duration of the task(s). The awarding organisation must provide guidance in relation to learners who require extra time due to, for example, a disability.

- **Collaboration control (internally defined)**

Specifications must state that the work of the individual may be informed by working with others, but that learners must provide an individual response.

- **Resources (internally defined)**

Specifications must state that learners' access to resources is determined by the centre, in line with guidance set by the awarding organisation. The awarding organisation must provide guidance in relation to learners who require the use of special equipment due to, for example, a disability.

### **Task marking – medium control**

- Teachers mark the controlled assessment using mark schemes or criteria provided by the awarding organisation.
- The awarding organisation moderation process must be consistent with the relevant codes of practice.

## **Hospitality and/or Catering**

### **Scheme of assessment**

120. GCSE specifications in Hospitality and/or Catering must allocate a weighting of:

- 40 per cent external assessment;
- 60 per cent controlled assessment.

### **Skills assessed by controlled assessment**

121. The following skills must be assessed through controlled assessment:

- planning investigations and/or tasks;
- carrying out investigations and/or tasks.

122. In addition, elements of these skills may be assessed externally.

123. These skills must be assessed in the context of the content specified in the GCSE Hospitality and/or Catering criteria.

### **Task setting – high control**

- Specifications must require learners to complete a minimum of one and a maximum of three controlled assessment components/units. Each controlled assessment component/unit may contain more than one task. Tasks must be selected from a number of comparable tasks provided by the awarding organisation.
- Specifications must provide opportunities for centres to contextualise the task(s) to best suit their centre-specific circumstances. Centre-specific circumstances will include the availability of, and access to, resources.

### **Task taking – medium control**

- **Authenticity control (externally defined)**

Specifications must require learners to complete all work, with the exception of research, under informal supervision. Research may

be completed under limited supervision. The awarding organisation must provide clear guidance in relation to the use of research and development, materials from other sources, and the preparation for final production of the work to be assessed.

- **Feedback control (externally defined)**

The awarding organisation must indicate clearly the level of teacher support that is allowed and how this should be recorded. The awarding organisation must provide guidance in relation to learners who require extra time due to, for example, a disability.

- **Time control (externally defined)**

The awarding organisation must indicate the approximate duration of the task(s).

- **Collaboration control (internally defined)**

Specifications must state that the work of the individual may be informed by working with others, but that learners must provide an individual response.

- **Resources (internally defined)**

Specifications must state that learners' access to resources is determined by the centre, in line with guidance set by the awarding organisation. The awarding organisation must provide guidance in relation to learners who require the use of special equipment due to, for example, a disability.

### **Task marking – medium control**

- Teachers mark the controlled assessment using mark schemes or criteria provided by the awarding organisation.
- The awarding organisation moderation process must be consistent with the relevant codes of practice.

## Humanities

### Scheme of assessment

124. GCSE specifications in Humanities must allocate a weighting of:

- 75 per cent external assessment;
- 25 per cent controlled assessment.

### Skills assessed by controlled assessment

125. The following skills must be assessed through controlled assessment:

- investigation;
- analysis.

126. In addition, elements of these skills may be assessed externally.

127. These skills must be assessed in the context of the content specified in the GCSE Humanities criteria.

### Task setting – high control

- Specifications must require learners to complete a single controlled assessment component/unit. Each controlled assessment component/unit may contain more than one task. Tasks must be selected from a number of comparable tasks provided by the awarding organisation. The tasks must be replaced each year.
- Specifications must provide opportunities for centres to contextualise the task(s) to best suit their centre-specific circumstances. Centre-specific circumstances will include the availability of, and access to, resources.

### Task taking

#### *Research/data collection – limited control*

- **Authenticity control (externally defined)**

Specifications must require learners to complete all work under limited supervision. The awarding organisation must provide clear

guidance in relation to the use of research methodology, materials from other sources, and the preparation for final production of the work to be assessed.

- **Feedback control (externally defined)**

The awarding organisation must indicate clearly the level of teacher support that is allowed and how this should be recorded.

- **Time control (internally defined)**

Specifications must provide guidance on appropriate time limits for tasks. The awarding organisation must provide guidance in relation to learners who require extra time due to, for example, a disability.

- **Collaboration control (externally defined)**

Specifications must state that the work of individual learners may be informed by working with others, but that learners must provide an individual response.

- **Resources (internally defined)**

Specifications must state that learners' access to resources is determined by the centre, in line with guidance set by the awarding organisation. The awarding organisation must provide guidance in relation to learners who require the use of special equipment due to, for example, a disability.

*Analysis and evaluation of findings – high control*

- **Authenticity control (externally defined)**

Specifications must require learners to complete all work under formal supervision. The awarding organisation must provide clear guidance in relation to the use of materials from other sources, and the preparation for final production of the work to be assessed.

- **Feedback control (externally defined)**

The awarding organisation must indicate clearly the level of teacher support that is allowed and how this should be recorded.

- **Time control (externally defined)**

The awarding organisation must indicate the approximate time allowed for the preparation and communication of analysis and evaluation of findings. The awarding organisation must provide guidance in relation to learners who require extra time due to, for example, a disability.

- **Collaboration control (externally defined)**

Specifications must require learners to complete all work independently.

- **Resource control (externally defined)**

The awarding organisation must specify the resources available to learners. The awarding organisation must provide guidance in relation to learners who require the use of special equipment due to, for example, a disability.

#### **Task marking – medium control**

- Teachers mark the controlled assessment using mark schemes or criteria provided by the awarding organisation.
- The awarding organisation moderation process must be consistent with the relevant codes of practice.



## **Information and Communication Technology (ICT)**

### **Scheme of assessment**

128. GCSE specifications in information and communication technology (ICT) must allocate a weighting of:

- 40 per cent external assessment;
- 60 per cent controlled assessment.

### **Skills assessed by controlled assessment**

129. The following skills must be assessed through controlled assessment:

- manipulate and process data, develop information, model situations and explore ideas;
- adopt safe, secure and responsible practice;
- iteratively review, modify and evaluate the effectiveness of their own and others' use of ICT.

130. In addition, elements of these skills may be assessed externally.

131. These skills must be assessed in the context of the content specified in the GCSE ICT criteria.

### **Task setting – high control**

- Specifications must require learners to complete a minimum of one and a maximum of three controlled assessment components/units. Each controlled assessment component/unit may contain more than one task. Tasks must be selected from a number of comparable tasks provided by the awarding organisation.
- Specifications must provide opportunities for centres to contextualise the task(s) to best suit their centre-specific circumstances. Centre-specific circumstances will include the availability of, and access to, resources.

### **Task taking – medium control**

- **Authenticity control (externally defined)**

Specifications must require learners to complete all work, with the exception of research, under informal supervision. Research may be completed under limited supervision. The awarding organisation must provide clear guidance regarding the use of research and development, materials from other sources, and the preparation for final production of the work to be assessed.

- **Feedback control (externally defined)**

The awarding organisation must indicate clearly what teacher support is allowed and how this should be recorded.

- **Time control (externally defined)**

The awarding organisation must indicate the approximate duration of the task(s). The awarding organisation must provide guidance in relation to learners who require extra time due to, for example, a disability.

- **Collaboration control (internally defined)**

Specifications must state that the work of the individual may be informed by working with others but that learners must provide an individual response.

- **Resources (internally defined)**

Specifications must state that learners' access to resources is determined by the centre, in line with guidance set by the awarding organisation. The awarding organisation must provide guidance in relation to learners who require the use of special equipment due to, for example, a disability.

### **Task marking – medium control**

- Teachers mark the controlled assessment using mark schemes or criteria provided by the awarding organisation.
- The awarding organisation moderation process must be consistent with relevant codes of practice.

## **Leisure and Tourism**

### **Scheme of assessment**

132. GCSE specifications in Leisure and Tourism must allocate a weighting of:

- 40 per cent external assessment;
- 60 per cent controlled assessment.

### **Skills assessed by controlled assessment**

133. The following skills must be assessed through controlled assessment:

- planning investigations and/or tasks;
- carrying out investigations and/or tasks.

134. In addition, elements of these skills may be assessed externally.

135. These skills must be assessed in the context of the content specified in the GCSE Leisure and Tourism criteria.

### **Task setting – high control**

- Specifications must require learners to complete a minimum of one and a maximum of three controlled assessment components/units. Each controlled assessment component/unit may contain more than one task. Tasks must be selected from a number of comparable tasks provided by the awarding organisation.
- Specifications must provide opportunities for centres to contextualise the task(s) to best suit their centre-specific circumstances. Centre-specific circumstances will include the availability of, and access to, resources.

### **Task taking – medium control**

- **Authenticity control (externally defined)**

Specifications must require learners to complete all work, with the exception of research, under informal supervision. Research may

be completed under limited supervision.

The awarding organisation must provide clear guidance in relation to the use of research and development, materials from other sources, and the preparation for final production of the work to be assessed.

- **Feedback control (externally defined)**

The awarding organisation must indicate clearly the level of teacher support that is allowed and how this should be recorded.

- **Time control (externally defined)**

The awarding organisation must indicate the approximate duration of the task(s). The awarding organisation must provide guidance in relation to learners who require extra time due to, for example, a disability.

- **Collaboration control (internally defined)**

Specifications must state that the work of the individual may be informed by working with others, but that learners must provide an individual response.

- **Resources (internally defined)**

Specifications must state that learners' access to resources is determined by the centre, in line with guidance set by the awarding organisation. The awarding organisation must provide guidance in relation to learners who require the use of special equipment due to, for example, a disability.

### **Task marking – medium control**

- Teachers mark the controlled assessment using mark schemes or criteria provided by the awarding organisation.
- The awarding organisation moderation process must be consistent with the relevant codes of practice.

## **Manufacturing**

### **Scheme of assessment**

136. GCSE specifications in Manufacturing must allocate a weighting of:

- 40 per cent external assessment;
- 60 per cent controlled assessment.

### **Skills assessed by controlled assessment**

137. The following skills must be assessed through controlled assessment:

- designing a product;
- manufacturing a product.

138. In addition, elements of these skills may be assessed externally.

139. These skills must be assessed in the context of the content specified in the GCSE Manufacturing criteria.

### **Task setting – high control**

- Specifications must require learners to complete a minimum of one and a maximum of three controlled assessment components/units. Each controlled assessment component/unit may contain more than one task. Tasks must be selected from a number of comparable tasks provided by the awarding organisation.
- Specifications must provide opportunities for centres to contextualise the task(s) to best suit their centre-specific circumstances. Centre-specific circumstances will include the availability of, and access to, resources.

### **Task taking – medium control**

- **Authenticity control (externally defined)**

Specifications must require learners to complete all work, with the exception of research, under informal supervision. Research may be completed under limited supervision. The awarding organisation

must provide clear guidance in relation to the use of research and development, materials from other sources, and the preparation for final production of the work to be assessed.

- **Feedback control (externally defined)**

The awarding organisation must indicate clearly the level of teacher support that is allowed and how this should be recorded.

- **Time control (externally defined)**

The awarding organisation must indicate the approximate duration of the task(s). The awarding organisation must provide guidance in relation to learners who require extra time due to, for example, a disability.

- **Collaboration control (internally defined)**

Specifications must state that the work of the individual may be informed by working with others, but that learners must provide an individual response.

- **Resources (internally defined)**

Specifications must state that learners' access to resources is determined by the centre, in line with guidance set by the awarding organisation. The awarding organisation must provide guidance in relation to learners who require the use of special equipment due to, for example, a disability.

### **Task marking – medium control**

- Teachers mark the controlled assessment using mark schemes or criteria provided by the awarding organisation.
- The awarding organisation moderation process must be consistent with the relevant codes of practice.

## **Media studies**

### **Scheme of assessment**

140. GCSE specifications in for Media Studies must allocate a weighting of:

- 40 per cent external assessment;
- 60 per cent controlled assessment.

### **Skills assessed by controlled assessment**

141. The following skills must be assessed through controlled assessment:

- analysing and responding to media texts/topics using key media concepts and terminology;
- researching, planning and constructing media products and evaluate those products and processes;
- presenting ideas and arguments supported by evidence.

142. In addition, elements of these skills may be assessed externally.

143. These skills must be assessed in the context of the content specified in the GCSE Media Studies criteria.

### **Task setting – high control**

- Specifications must require learners to complete a minimum of one and a maximum of three controlled assessment components/units. Each controlled assessment component/unit may contain more than one task. Tasks must be selected from a number of comparable tasks provided by the awarding organisation.
- Specifications must provide opportunities for centres to contextualise the task(s) to best suit their centre-specific circumstances. Centre-specific circumstances will include the availability of, and access to, resources.

### **Task taking – medium control**

- **Authenticity control (externally defined)**

Specifications must require learners to complete all work, with the exception of research and preparation, under informal supervision. Research and preparation may be completed under limited supervision. The awarding organisation must provide clear guidance in relation to the use of research and development materials from other sources, and the preparation for final production of the work to be assessed.

- **Feedback control (externally defined)**

The awarding organisation must indicate clearly the level of teacher support that is allowed and how this should be recorded.

- **Time control (externally defined)**

The awarding organisation must indicate the approximate duration of the task(s). The awarding organisation must provide guidance in relation to learners who require extra time due to, for example, a disability.

- **Collaboration control (internally defined)**

Specifications must state that the work of the individual may be informed by working with others, but that learners must provide an individual response.

- **Resources (internally defined)**

Specifications must state that learners' access to resources is determined by the centre, in line with guidance set by the awarding organisation. The awarding organisation must provide guidance in relation to learners who require the use of special equipment due to, for example, a disability.

### **Task marking – medium control**

- Teachers mark the controlled assessment using mark schemes or criteria provided by the awarding organisation.
- The awarding organisation moderation process must be consistent with the relevant codes of practice.



## **Modern Foreign Languages**

### **Scheme of assessment**

144. GCSE specifications in Modern Foreign Languages must allocate a weighting of:

- 40 per cent external assessment;
- 60 per cent controlled assessment.

### **Skills assessed by controlled assessment**

145. The following skills must be assessed through controlled assessment:

- A minimum of 50 per cent controlled assessment must relate to communication in speech (assessment objective 2) and communication in writing (assessment objective 4).
- A maximum of 10 per cent controlled assessment may relate to understanding spoken language (assessment objective 1) and/or understanding written language (assessment objective 3).

### **Task setting – limited control**

- Specifications must require learners to complete a minimum of two tasks for each component/unit (speaking and writing). Tasks must ensure that learners use language for different purposes.

146. The awarding organisation must:

- provide exemplar tasks;
- indicate, with reference to the assessment criteria, the types of tasks and the characteristics of the language used by learners that will provide access to higher grades.

147. The awarding organisation must ensure that specifications provide opportunities for centres to:

- adapt exemplar tasks provided by the awarding organisation within clearly defined parameters set by the awarding organisation; or

- design their own tasks according to clearly defined parameters set by the awarding organisation, including provision for the regular replacement of tasks.

## Task taking

### *Communicate in speech – medium control*

- **Authenticity control (externally defined)**

Specifications must require learners to complete all work under informal supervision. The awarding organisation must provide clear guidance in relation to the use of stimulus material, preparatory work, the use of materials from other sources, and the preparation for final production of the work to be assessed.

- **Feedback control (externally defined)**

The awarding organisation must indicate clearly the level of teacher support that is allowed and how this should be recorded.

- **Time control (externally defined)**

The awarding organisation must indicate the approximate minimum and maximum duration of speaking tasks. The awarding organisation must provide guidance in relation to learners who require extra time due to, for example, dyslexia.

- **Collaboration control (internally defined)**

Specifications must state that the work of individual learners may be informed by working with others, for example in conversational groups, but that learners must provide an individual response. The awarding organisation must provide guidance in relation to learners who require the use of special equipment due to, for example, a disability.

- **Resource control (externally defined)**

The awarding organisation must specify the resources available to learners. Learners must not be permitted use of a dictionary during speaking tasks, but may be permitted access to notes or a visual stimulus. The awarding organisation must provide guidance in relation to the types of notes or visual stimulus permitted, and in

relation to learners who require the use of special equipment, for example voice technology.

*Communicate in writing – high control*

- **Authenticity control (externally defined)**

Specifications must require learners to complete all preparatory work under informal supervision. The awarding organisation must provide clear guidance in relation to the use of stimulus material, preparatory work, the use of materials from other sources, and the preparation for final production of the work to be assessed.

- **Feedback control (externally defined)**

The awarding organisation must indicate clearly the level of teacher support that is allowed and how this should be recorded.

- **Time control (externally defined)**

The awarding organisation must agree with the regulators the duration within which learners are required to complete all written work. The awarding organisation must provide guidance in relation to learners who require extra time due to, for example, dyslexia.

- **Collaboration control (externally defined)**

- Specifications must require learners to complete all work independently.

- **Resource control (externally defined)**

The awarding organisation must specify the resources available to learners. Access to dictionaries must be permitted when learners write their final version under formal supervision.

Specifications must clearly state that learners are not permitted access to earlier drafts, but may access notes that must be submitted with the final version. The awarding organisation must provide a template for the notes. The awarding organisation must provide guidance in relation to learners who require the use of special equipment due to, for example, a disability.

Specifications must state that learners should not have access to

online resources, such as foreign language grammar and spell checkers, but may access online dictionaries.

### **Task marking**

#### *Communicate in speech – medium control*

- Teachers mark the controlled assessment using mark schemes or criteria provided by the awarding organisation.
- The awarding organisation moderation process must be consistent with the relevant codes of practice.

#### *Communicate in writing – high control*

- The awarding organisation marks the controlled assessment.

## **Music**

### **Scheme of assessment**

148. GCSE specifications in Music must allocate a weighting of:

- 40 per cent external assessment;
- 60 per cent controlled assessment.

### **Skills assessed by controlled assessment**

149. The following skills must be assessed through controlled assessment:

- performing/realising and composing music.

150. In addition, elements of these skills may be assessed externally.

151. These skills must be assessed in the context of the content specified in the GCSE Music criteria.

### **Task setting – medium control**

- Specifications must require learners to complete a minimum of one and a maximum of three controlled assessment components/units. Each controlled assessment component/unit may contain more than one task. Tasks must either be selected from a number of comparable tasks provided by the awarding organisation or designed by the centre according to criteria set out by the awarding organisation.
- Specifications must provide opportunities for centres to contextualise the task(s) to best suit their centre-specific circumstances. Centre-specific circumstances will include the availability of, and access to, resources.

### **Task taking – medium control**

- **Authenticity control (externally defined)**

Specifications must require learners to complete all work, with the exception of research and preparation, under informal supervision.

Research and preparation may be completed under limited supervision.

The awarding organisation must provide clear guidance in relation to the use of research and preparation for final production of the work to be assessed. Final performance/s must be completed under formal supervision.

- **Feedback control (externally defined)**

The awarding organisation must indicate clearly the level of teacher support that is allowed and how this should be recorded.

- **Time control (externally defined)**

The awarding organisation must indicate the approximate duration of the task(s). The awarding organisation must provide guidance in relation to learners who require extra time due to, for example, a disability.

- **Collaboration control (internally defined)**

Specifications must state that the work of the individual may be informed by working with others, but that learners must provide an individual response.

- **Resources (internally defined)**

Specifications must state that learners' access to resources is determined by the centre, in line with guidance set by the awarding organisation. The awarding organisation must provide guidance in relation to learners who require the use of special equipment due to, for example, a disability.

### **Task marking – medium control**

- Teachers mark the controlled assessment using mark schemes or criteria provided by the awarding organisation.
- The awarding organisation moderation process must be consistent with the relevant codes of practice.

## **Physical Education**

### **Scheme of assessment**

152. GCSE specifications in Physical Education must allocate a weighting of:

- 40 per cent external assessment;
- 60 per cent controlled assessment.

### **Skills assessed by controlled assessment**

153. The following skills must be assessed through controlled assessment:

- developing competence in different types of physical activity, and different roles and contexts within the activities;
- selecting and applying tactics, strategies and compositional ideas;
- analysing and evaluating performance and identifying key priorities for improvement.

154. In addition, elements of these skills may be assessed externally.

155. These skills must be assessed in the context of the content specified in the GCSE Physical Education criteria.

### **Task setting – limited control**

- Specifications must require learners to complete a minimum of one and a maximum of three controlled assessment components/units. Each controlled assessment component/unit may contain more than one task. Tasks must either be selected from a number of comparable tasks provided by the awarding organisation or designed by the centre according to criteria set out by the awarding organisation.
- Specifications must provide opportunities for centres to contextualise the task(s) to best suit their centre-specific circumstances. Centre-specific circumstances will include the availability of, and access to, resources.

### **Task taking – medium control**

- **Authenticity control (externally defined)**

Specifications must require learners to complete all work, with the exception of research and preparation, under informal supervision. Research and preparation may be completed under limited supervision.

The awarding organisation must provide clear guidance in relation to the use of research and preparation for final production of the work to be assessed.

- **Feedback control (externally defined)**

The awarding organisation must indicate clearly the level of teacher support that is allowed and how this should be recorded.

- **Time control (externally defined)**

The awarding organisation must indicate the approximate duration of the task(s). The awarding organisation must provide guidance in relation to learners who require extra time due to, for example, a disability.

- **Collaboration control (internally defined)**

Specifications must state that the work of the individual may be informed by working with others, but that learners must provide an individual response.

- **Resources (internally defined)**

Specifications must state that learners' access to resources is determined by the centre, in line with guidance set by the awarding organisation. The awarding organisation must provide guidance in relation to learners who require the use of special equipment due to, for example, a disability.

### **Task marking – medium control**

- Teachers mark the controlled assessment using mark schemes or criteria provided by the awarding organisation.
- The awarding organisation moderation process must be consistent with the relevant codes of practice.



## Physics

### Scheme of assessment

- 75 per cent external assessment;
- 25 per cent controlled assessment

### Skills assessed by controlled assessment

156. All controlled assessments in Physics must be directly related to learners' practical work.

157. The following skills must be assessed through controlled assessment:

- develop hypotheses and plan practical ways to test them including risk assessment;
- manage risks when carrying out practical work;
- collect, process, analyse and interpret primary and secondary data including the use of appropriate technology to draw evidence-based conclusions;
- review methodology to assess fitness for purpose;
- review hypotheses in light of outcomes.

158. In addition, elements of these skills may be assessed externally.

159. These skills must be assessed in the context of the content specified in the GCSE Physics criteria.

### Task setting – high control

- Specifications must require learners to complete a single controlled assessment component/unit. Each controlled assessment component/unit may contain more than one task.
- Tasks must be selected from a number of comparable tasks provided by the awarding organisation.
- The tasks must be replaced each year.
- Specifications must provide opportunities for centres to contextualise the task(s) to best suit their centre-specific

circumstances. Centre-specific circumstances will include the availability of, and access to, resources.

## **Task taking**

### *Research/data collection – limited control*

- **Authenticity control (externally defined)**

Specifications must require learners to complete all work under limited supervision. The awarding organisation must provide clear guidance regarding the use of research methodology, materials from other sources, and the preparation for final production of the work to be assessed.

- **Feedback control (externally defined)**

The awarding organisation must indicate clearly what support is allowed and how this should be recorded.

- **Time control (internally defined)**

Specifications must provide guidance on appropriate time limits. The awarding organisation must provide guidance, regarding learners who require extra time due to, for example, a disability.

- **Collaboration control (externally defined)**

Specifications must state that the work of individual learners may be informed by working with others but that learners must provide an individual response. The awarding organisation must provide guidance in relation to learners who require the use of special equipment due to, for example, a disability.

- **Resource control (internally defined)**

Specifications must state that learners' access to resources is determined by those available to the centre.

### *Analysis and evaluation of findings – high control*

- **Authenticity control (externally defined)**

Specifications must require learners to complete all work under formal supervision. The awarding organisation must provide clear guidance regarding the use of materials from other sources, and the preparation for final production of the work to be assessed.

- **Feedback control (externally defined)**

The awarding organisation must indicate clearly what teacher support is allowed and how this should be recorded.

- **Time control (externally defined)**

The awarding organisation must indicate the approximate duration of the tasks. The awarding organisation must provide guidance in relation to learners who require extra time due to, for example, a disability.

- **Collaboration control (externally defined)**

Specifications must require learners to complete all work independently.

- **Resource control (externally defined)**

The awarding organisation must specify the resources available to learners. The awarding organisation must provide guidance in relation to learners who require the use of special equipment due to, for example, a disability.

### **Task marking – medium control**

- Teachers mark the controlled assessment using mark schemes or criteria provided by the awarding organisation.
- The awarding organisation moderation process must be consistent with the relevant codes of practice.

## **Science**

### **Scheme of assessment**

160. GCSE specifications in Science must allocate a weighting of:

- 75 per cent external assessment;
- 25 per cent controlled assessment.

### **Skills assessed by controlled assessment**

161. All controlled assessments in Science must be directly related to learners' practical work.

162. The following skills must be assessed through controlled assessment:

- plan practical ways to answer scientific questions and test hypotheses;
- devise appropriate methods for the collection of numerical and other data;
- assess and manage risks when carrying out practical work;
- collect, process, analyse and interpret primary and secondary data including the use of appropriate technology;
- draw evidence-based conclusions;
- evaluate methods of data collection and the quality of the resulting data.

163. In addition, elements of these skills may be assessed externally.

164. These skills must be assessed in the context of the content specified in the GCSE Science criteria.

### **Task setting – high control**

- Specifications must require learners to complete a single controlled assessment component/unit. Each controlled assessment component/unit may contain more than one task.

- Tasks must be selected from a number of comparable tasks provided by the awarding organisation.
- The tasks must be replaced each year.
- Specifications must provide opportunities for centres to contextualise the task(s) to best suit their centre-specific circumstances. Centre-specific circumstances will include the availability of, and access to, resources

## Task taking

### *Research/data collection – limited control*

- **Authenticity control (externally defined)**

Specifications must require learners to complete all work under limited supervision. The awarding organisation must provide clear guidance regarding the use of research methodology, materials from other sources, and the preparation for final production of the work to be assessed.

- **Feedback control (externally defined)**

The awarding organisation must indicate clearly what support is allowed and how this should be recorded.

- **Time control (internally defined)**

Specifications must provide guidance on appropriate time limits. The awarding organisation must provide guidance, regarding learners who require extra time due to, for example, a disability.

- **Collaboration control (externally defined)**

Specifications must state that the work of individual learners may be informed by working with others but that learners must provide an individual response. The awarding organisation must provide guidance, regarding learners who require the use of special equipment due to, for example, a disability.

- **Resource control (internally defined)**

Specifications must state that learners' access to resources is determined by those available to the centre.

*Analysis and evaluation of findings – high control*

- **Authenticity control (externally defined)**

Specifications must require learners to complete all work under formal supervision. The awarding organisation must provide clear guidance regarding the use of materials from other sources, and the preparation for final production of the work to be assessed.

- **Feedback control (externally defined)**

The awarding organisation must indicate clearly what teacher support is allowed and how this should be recorded.

- **Time control (externally defined)**

The awarding organisation must indicate the approximate duration of the tasks. The awarding organisation must provide guidance in relation to learners who require extra time due to, for example, a disability.

- **Collaboration control (externally defined)**

Specifications must require learners to complete all work independently.

- **Resource control (externally defined)**

The awarding organisation must specify the resources available to learners. The awarding organisation must provide guidance in relation to learners who require the use of special equipment due to, for example, a disability.

**Task marking – medium control**

- Teachers mark the controlled assessment using mark schemes or criteria provided by the awarding organisation.
- The awarding organisation moderation process must be consistent with the relevant codes of practice.

## Statistics

### Scheme of assessment

165. GCSE specifications in Statistics must allocate a weighting of:

- 75 per cent external assessment;
- 25 per cent controlled assessment.

### Skills assessed by controlled assessment

166. The following skill must be assessed through controlled assessment:

- applying the statistical problem-solving process.

167. In addition, elements of this skill may be assessed externally.

168. This skill must be assessed in the context of the content specified in the GCSE Statistics criteria.

### Task setting – high control

- Specifications must require learners to complete a single controlled assessment component/unit. Each controlled assessment component/unit may contain more than one task. Tasks must be selected from a number of comparable tasks provided by the awarding organisation. The tasks must be replaced each year.
- Specifications must provide opportunities for centres to contextualise the task(s) to best suit their centre-specific circumstances. Centre-specific circumstances will include the availability of, and access to, resources.

### Task taking

#### *Research/data collection – limited control*

- **Authenticity control (externally defined)**

Specifications must require learners to complete all work under limited supervision. The awarding organisation must provide clear guidance in relation to the use of research methodology, materials from other sources, and the preparation for final production of the work to be assessed.

- **Feedback control (externally defined)**

The awarding organisation must indicate clearly the level of teacher support that is allowed and how this should be recorded.

- **Time control (internally defined)**

Specifications must provide guidance on appropriate time limits. The awarding organisation must provide guidance in relation to learners who require extra time due to, for example, a disability.

- **Collaboration control (externally defined)**

Specifications must state that learners must complete all work independently. The awarding organisation must provide guidance in relation to learners who require the use of special equipment due to, for example, a disability.

- **Resource control (internally defined)**

Specifications must state that learners' access to resources is determined by those available to the centre.

*Analysis and evaluation of findings – high control*

- **Authenticity control (externally defined)**

Specifications must require learners to complete all work under formal supervision. The awarding organisation must provide clear guidance in relation to the use of materials from other sources, and the preparation for final production of the work to be assessed.

- **Feedback control (externally defined)**

The awarding organisation must indicate clearly the level of teacher support that is allowed and how this should be recorded.

- **Time control (externally defined)**

The awarding organisation must indicate the time allowed for the preparation and communication of analysis and evaluation of findings as appropriate to the task parameters set by the awarding organisation. The awarding organisation must provide guidance in relation to learners who require extra time due to, for example, a disability.



- **Collaboration control (externally defined)**

Specifications must state that learners must complete all work independently.

- **Resource control (externally defined)**

Specifications must state that learners' access to research materials is limited to those specified by the awarding organisation. The awarding organisation must provide guidance in relation to learners who require the use of special equipment due to, for example, a disability.

**Task marking – medium control**

- Teachers mark the task using mark schemes or criteria provided by the awarding organisation.
- The awarding organisation moderation process must be consistent with the relevant codes of practice.

## Welsh second language

### Scheme of assessment

169. For the **general route** in Welsh Second Language, GCSE specifications must allocate a weighting of:

- 75 per cent external assessment;
- 25 per cent controlled assessment.

170. For the **applied route** in Welsh Second Language, GCSE specifications must allocate a weighting of:

- 40 per cent external assessment;
- 60 per cent controlled assessment.

### Skills assessed by controlled assessment

#### *General route*

- Two of the assessment objectives must be assessed by controlled assessment and be integrated into the same task.
- All assessment objectives must also be assessed externally.

#### *Applied route*

- All three of the assessment objectives must be assessed by controlled assessment.
- Elements of the assessment objectives may be assessed externally.

### Task setting – limited control

- **General route**  
Learners must complete one extended task.

Specifications must require that learners spend about 18 hours on the task. This includes preparation time, but does not include teaching and learning time.

- **Applied route**

Learners must complete three extended tasks.

- **General and applied routes**

For both general and applied routes, the awarding organisation must:

- provide exemplar tasks
- indicate, with reference to the assessment criteria, the types of tasks and the characteristics of the language used by learners that will provide access to higher grades.

The awarding organisation must ensure that specifications provide opportunities for centres to:

- select and contextualise activities from a range of comparable tasks provided by the awarding organisation; or  
  
adapt exemplar tasks provided by the awarding organisation within clearly defined parameters set by the awarding organisation; or
- design their own tasks according to clearly defined parameters set by the awarding organisation, including provision for the regular replacement of tasks.

## **Task taking**

*Oral response – medium control*

- **Authenticity control (externally defined)**

Specifications must require learners to complete all work under informal supervision. The awarding organisation must provide clear guidance in relation to the use of stimulus material, research methodology, the use of materials from other sources, and the preparation for final production of the work to be assessed.

- **Feedback control (externally defined)**

The awarding organisation must indicate clearly the level of teacher support that is allowed and how this should be recorded.

- **Time control (externally defined)**

The awarding organisation must indicate the approximate minimum and maximum duration of tasks.

- **Collaboration control (internally defined)**

Specifications must state that learners may work together, for example in conversational groups, provided that the other externally defined parameters are maintained.

- **Resource control (externally defined)**

The awarding organisation must specify the resources available to learners. Learners must not be permitted use of a dictionary during oral response tasks, but may be permitted access to notes and appropriate stimulus material. The awarding organisation must provide guidance in relation to learners who require the use of special equipment, for example voice technology.

*Written response – high control*

- **Authenticity control (externally defined)**

Learners complete all work under formal supervision. The awarding organisation must provide clear guidance in relation to the use of stimulus material, research methodology, the use of materials from other sources, and the preparation for final production of the work to be assessed.

- **Feedback control (externally defined)**

The awarding organisation must indicate clearly the level of teacher support that is allowed and how this should be recorded.

- **Time control (externally defined)**

The awarding organisation must agree with the regulators the duration within which learners are required to complete all written work. The awarding organisation must provide guidance in relation to learners who require extra time due to, for example, dyslexia.

- **Collaboration control (externally defined)**

Specifications must require learners to complete all work independently.

- **Resource control (externally defined)**

The awarding organisation must specify the resources available to learners. Dictionaries must be permitted when learners write their final version under formal supervision.

Specifications must state clearly that learners are not permitted access to earlier drafts, but may access notes that must be submitted with the final version. The awarding organisation must provide guidance in relation to learners who require the use of special equipment due to, for example, a disability.

Specifications must state that learners should not have access to online resources, such as foreign language grammar and spell checkers, but may access online dictionaries.

### **Task marking**

#### *Oral response – medium control*

- Teachers mark the task using mark schemes or criteria provided by the awarding organisation.
- The awarding organisation moderation process must be consistent with the relevant codes of practice.

#### *Written response – high control*

- The awarding organisation marks the task.

## **Glossary of terms for controlled assessment regulations**

### **Component**

A discrete and assessable element within a controlled assessment or qualification that is not itself formally reported, where the awarding organisation records the marks.

A component/unit may contain one or more tasks.

### **Controlled assessment**

A form of internal assessment in which the following control levels are set for each stage of the assessment process: task setting; task taking; and task marking.

### **External assessment**

A form of independent assessment in which question papers, assignments and tasks are set by the awarding organisation, taken under specified conditions (including detailed supervision and time limit), and marked by the awarding organisation.

### **Mark scheme**

A scheme giving details of how credit is to be awarded in relation to a particular unit, component or task. A mark scheme normally characterises acceptable answers or levels of response to questions/tasks or parts of questions/tasks and identifies the amount of credit each attracts. It may also include information about unacceptable answers.

### **Supervision**

*Formal supervision (high level of control)* – the learner must be in direct sight of the supervisor at all times. Use of resources and interaction with other learners is tightly prescribed.

*Informal supervision (medium level of control)* – questions/tasks are outlined, the use of resources is not tightly prescribed, and assessable outcomes may be informed by group work. Informal supervision aims to make sure that the contributions of individual learners are recorded accurately, and that plagiarism does not take place. The supervisor may provide limited guidance to learners.

*Limited supervision (low level of control)* – requirements are clearly specified, but some work may be completed without direct supervision and will not contribute directly to assessable outcomes.

### **Task**

A discrete element of external or controlled assessment that may include examinations, assignments, practical activities and projects.

### **Task marking**

This specifies the way in which credit is awarded for learners' outcomes. Task marking involves the use of mark schemes and/or marking criteria produced by the awarding organisation.

### **Task setting**

The specification of the assessment requirements. Tasks may be set by awarding organisations and/or teachers, as defined by subject-specific regulations. Teacher-set tasks must be developed in line with requirements set by the awarding organisation.

### **Task taking**

The conditions for learner support and supervision, and the authentication of learners' work. Task taking may involve different parameters from those used in traditional written examinations; for example learners may be allowed supervised access to sources such as the internet.

### **Unit**

The smallest part of a qualification that is formally reported and can be separately certificated. A unit may contain separately assessed components.

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